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CONTROLLED DISRUPTION OF SPATIAL COHERENCE OF LASER BEAM

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Dear Sir,

Further to a telephone discussion with the Examiner wherein a restriction requirement was conveyed to the undersigned attorney, Applicant respectfully elects Claims 12-41 for further prosecution on the merits. In addition, please cancel claims 1-11 and 42-71, without prejudice as being drawn to non-elected species.

Further to a further telephone discussion with the Examiner, please add the following new Claims 72-73, and amend the rest of the pending claims as follows:

12. An apparatus for reducing speckle of a laser beam comprising a DUV-VUV transparent substrate configured to alter at least a first portion of the beam transmitted through at least a first region of the substrate relative to light transmitted outside of the first region of the substrate, such that the substrate generates a desired minimum number of spatially coherent cells in the laser beam.